

AT THE GOLDEN GATE

Midwinter Fair Opened Today
at San Francisco.

Californians Make a Brilliant
Display in Its Honor.

TREMENDOUS CROWDS.

Visitors From All Over the
World There.

Governor Markham Makes the
Opening Address.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—Governor Markham has declared January 27 a legal holiday throughout the state and the day was observed as such. In San Francisco all the banks and business houses closed and everybody was free to go out to the fair grounds. Thousands of people were here from all parts of the Pacific coast and hotels and streets were crowded with strangers.

The buildings were profusely decorated

sandy waste on which was a thick growth of eucalyptus trees and shrubbery.

Today that tract is covered with massive buildings and alive with semi-tropical verdure. Hundreds of palm trees, flowering plants and vines make a beautiful setting for the structures which are largely of oriental design.

The Exposition Buildings.

Grouped on the terraces surrounding the extensive open space called the "Grand court" are the exposition buildings proper. At the eastern end of the court is the building of Manufactures and Liberal Arts, the largest structure on the ground. It measures 462 feet in length, by 225 in width, with an annex on the rear 370 by 60 feet.

At the opposite end of the court is the Administration building, a beautiful structure with a big golden dome. On the north side of the court is the Mechanical Arts building 330 by 360 feet. Opposite this are the Fine Arts Palace and the building of Horticulture and Agriculture.

The fine arts building is Egyptian in style, with sphinxes guarding the entrance. The horticultural and agricultural building is of old Spanish California architecture. Its area is 399 by 360 feet, crowded with the products of California orchards and farms. Festival Hall, another large structure where meetings and congresses will be held, is at the extreme end of the fair grounds and does not front on the grand court.

These structures which constitute the fair buildings proper with the exception

HIS HEAD BLOWN OFF.

Mysterious Case of Supposed Accidental Shooting.

THREE BOYS WERE OUT HUNTING.

Two of Them May the Other Was Killed Accidentally, But the Charge Struck Him in the Back of the Head.

County Coroner Bailey has under investigation a mysterious case of supposed accidental shooting.

The victim is George Hanson, a white boy 18 years old. He was hunting rabbits yesterday near the old white lime kiln on Indian creek, three miles southeast of Topeka on the Meriden road. Two colored boys, "Sid" Long and "Dave" Hayes were with him.

One of the boys had just shot a rabbit, but failed to kill it.

"Wait a minute; I'll get it," shouted Hanson as he ran after it. According to the boys he ran down an embankment after the animal. There was a report and a cloud of smoke. They supposed he had shot the rabbit, but when the smoke cleared away they saw Hanson lying on the ground with his head blown into atoms. The charge of shot had taken effect in his head, blowing his hat and a portion of his skull and brains across the creek and into the trees.

Administration Building.
Square, with hexagonal towers on corners.

Manufactures and Liberal Arts Building
450 ft. long, 280 ft. wide, 55 ft. high.

Fine Arts Building.
220 ft. long, 60 ft. wide, 40 ft. high.



THE MIDWINTER INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION AT SAN FRANCISCO.

ed with flags and bunting and everybody was in gala attire. Most of the street railways of San Francisco terminate at Golden Gate park, and their entire rolling stock was inadequate to accommodate the people who flocked out to the park to witness the triumphal opening of their pet project.

Shortly after 10 o'clock the parade, under the command of General Dickinson, started for the fair grounds. In the procession were four regiments of the national guard, regular army troops from President Governor Markham and staff, fair officials, civic societies and many of the concessionaries features to be seen at the fair. Golden Gate avenue, the main drive to the park, was thronged with spectators, who listened to the stirring music of numerous bands and cheered loudly as the long line of men marched by.

Shortly after 12 o'clock the procession reached the fair grounds and assembled on the recreation grounds, where a huge grand stand had been erected near festival hall.

Visitors Formally Welcomed.

Gov. Markham in his speech welcomed the people to the fair, and extended to the strangers from other sections of the country the freedom of the entire state.

In closing he said: "The true Californian knows not fear nor failure. He is the ideal American. He is not only proud of his own state, but he is emphatically proud of this great American republic. He rejoices that he breathes the pure air of American freedom and he is full of American enterprise and American intelligence. I am therefore sure that I do not give expression to the sentiment in every mind, when I say that as we hold this splendid exposition, the consumption of the labors and exertions of California's citizens, we have just reason to feel proud of the nerve, energy and persistence, which our people generally, and the managers of this Midwinter fair in particular, have displayed in the promotion and completion of this magnificent enterprise."

Director General De Young spoke of the difficulties encountered at the inception of the enterprise and told how they had been overcome.

"It was no further than we have today, and it has been a paying investment." He then told of California's resources and great future.

The Midwinter Fair is a direct result of the Chicago Columbian fair. Mr. H. D. De Young, national commissioner to the World's fair last June conceived the idea of a Midwinter fair for San Francisco. The suggestion was received here with enthusiasm and immediately a committee of citizens was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. On July 10, 1893, Golden Gate park was selected as a site for the fair, and on August 24, ground was broken for the enterprise in the presence of nearly a hundred thousand people, the largest crowd ever gathered together on the Pacific coast.

The citizens of San Francisco and California at large subscribed liberally the necessary funds, and over \$500,000 was raised in this manner. At first only sixty acres of land was set aside by the park commissioners for the fair, but the magnitude of the enterprise began to dawn on the people here, and the space was soon increased to one hundred and sixty acres.

The half dozen buildings at first contemplated have increased in number to nearly one hundred, all large, substantial structures. The progress made in erecting the buildings and putting the grounds in shape was even more marvelous than that of Chicago during the big fair there. Five months ago this 160-acre tract in Golden Gate park was a

of the Fine Arts building are constructed of wood, but covered with stucco similar to what was used on the Chicago buildings. The fine arts buildings are permanent edifices of brick, and will be used as a park museum when the fair closes.

A Tall Tower of Flowers.

The chief object of attraction to east, our visitors will probably be the grand court in the shape of a parallelogram 300 feet wide and 1,000 feet long. It is arranged in terraces, and is a mass of tropical plants, flowers and green lawns. In the center rises a slender tower of 272 feet, which will be lighted at night by electric light, and from the top of which can be had a view of the fair grounds, Golden Gate park, San Francisco, the Pacific ocean and the famous Golden gate.

At the west end of the court is a geological formula, surmounted by heroic figures representing California and her industries. At the other end is the electrical fountain.

Nearly every county in the state has an exhibit at the fair and many of them have erected their own buildings for displays. Midway Plaisance, made famous at Chicago, is represented here, most of the shows having originated in California. In addition to the Turkish baths, the Esquimau village, the wild animal and Indian shows, and other exhibitions familiar to World's fairgoers, the Midwinter fair has a number of features peculiar to the Pacific coast. Santa Barbara has a large amphitheater filled with sea elephants, sea tigers and lions.

The early days of California are represented by the "Old Camp." There the cabins of the famous pioneers who dug for gold, are produced, and the scenes of mining towns are reported. January 1 was the original date set for the formal opening of the fair, but the heavy winter rains interfered so with the work, that a postponement was necessary. Today the fair is almost complete, but very few exhibits remain to be installed.

The fair grounds will be policed by uniformed guards under command of Col. Wm. Shafter and Capt. F. D. L. Carrington, United States army. The men are under military discipline and wear uniforms similar to those worn by the Columbian guards. Complete arrangements have been made for the protection of the buildings from fire, and a well drilled fire department is constantly on hand.

MASSON HALL OPENING.
The New Masonic Hall will be thrown open for the reception of the members of the order, their families and friends, on Monday evening, January 29th, 1894, at 7 o'clock. No special invitations will be issued, and the reception will be entirely informal. The friends of the order are cordially invited and will receive a fraternal welcome.

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CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to express our gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown us by our friends during the sickness and death of our son Leroy.

MR. AND MRS. GEO. W. SMITH.

The We, Us and Ours social club, assisted by the Mozart Ladies' Zither club, and other best talents of this city, will give a grand concert tonight at their hall, 420 Kansas Avenue. Admission 25 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mills are the parents of a daughter.

Miss Ella Smith will give a card party this evening.

The boy was removed to Ingalls' undertaking rooms, and the coroner's jury held a trial this morning. The evidence showed several suspicious circumstances. The charge had taken effect in the back of his head first. The jury do not understand how this could happen. Although Hanson's gun was supposed to be within a few inches of his head there were no marks of smoke or burns on the head. When the gun was found it was half-cocked. In view of all these circumstances the jury did not feel satisfied to turn in a verdict of "accidental shooting" by a shot gun in the hands of himself, but deferred the case until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

At that time a lot more witnesses, Hanson's two colored companions among them, will be called on to testify. For some reason Long and Hayes did not attend the inquest today.

The jury is suspicious of the case, to say the least, and proposes to sift it to the bottom.

A Man With a Conscience.

A patrolman sauntering down Monroe avenue the other day met a stranger with a bloody nose and stopped to ask what had happened.

"Sir, I tell you," replied the man, "that a saloon keeper near the Central depot hit me."

"Allege? Don't you know that he did?" asked the officer.

"I allege that he did, and I allege it pretty strong, too," replied the man.

"Why don't you come right out and say that hit you?"

"It's a good mind to."

The officer looked at him in wonder, and the stranger pinched his nose to stop the blood from oozing out again.

"You see, I was having a fight with him, a street car went off the track and a horse was running away all at the same time, and I don't want to swear that he punched me in the nose when I might have been run over by the horse, or struck by the street car. I allege that he did it, however, and as soon as I can find a place to wash myself I'm going back there and nail the alleged stuffing out of him!"—Detroit Free Press.

Willing to Wait.

Husband—Did you see me kiss my hand to you this morning after I had left the house?

Wife—Why, John, I wasn't near the window then.

Husband—I wonder who it was?

Wife—I don't know, but the servant girl told me this morning she guessed she would try it another week—Life.

BOUND TO PLEASE.

Manager—The audience is calling for the author.

Actor—But the author died 100 years ago.

Manager—Never mind. Fix up to look like him and go out. I want you to understand that this is a first class theater—Puck.

THE FICKLE WEATHER.

"What I need," said the man who complained of a change of climate.

"What?" replied his friend, "you stay right here in Washington for four or five hours, and you'll probably get it!"—Washington Star.

A FEAST.

A recent poet writes, "A song sleeps in my soul unsung." There is a place for that young man in a dime museum at a remunerative salary. He is the only one of his kind on record.—Atlanta Constitution.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

ITEMS OF INTEREST ABOUT TOPEKA PEOPLE AND VISITORS IN TOWN.

Miss Fannie McCaslin's "fishing" party last evening was decidedly novel, and novelty has many charms. When the guests arrived they were given score cards in the form of fishes cut from paste board and illuminated in many colors. These were numbered and their places were found accordingly. A miniature pond of painted wood containing fish of a corresponding nature was placed on each table, and at the sound of a bell two at each table took up their rods and angled for five minutes. The other two then tried their luck, and the one who caught the greatest number of pounds (the weight of the fishes was numbered on one side) progressed. Mr. C. W. Watson was the lucky fisherman, and Miss Kitty Lindsey also, was rewarded for successful angling.

Big shining fishes were hung on curtains, chandeliers and over doors, and the first course of the luncheon was fish with its accompanying dishes. The hostess was assisted by her sisters Mrs. W. A. Snyder and Mrs. G. F. McCaslin, and among the guests were Misses Triessa Greenwood, Lucile Miller, Luie and Myrtle Fordyce, Arline Nichols of St. Louis, Kitty Lindsey, Lottie Griffith, Florence Hollister, Fannie Beck, Minnie March, Daisy Sampson, Jessie Garwood, Daisy Hayes, Ella Wilson, Alice and Dolly Zimmerman, Jessie and Mary Smith, Mattie Metcalf, Ade Sharp, Nellie Kirk, Lina Sharp, Ida and Eva Mayberry, Byrd Prescott, and Anna Umphrey; Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Clara Sampson, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Kirk; Messrs. Roberts, Reuter, Southerland, Anderson, John Hayes, Parker, Greenwood, Snyder, Williamson, Council Stewart, Wallace, Price, Lagerstrom, Hayes, Hayes, Frank Beck, Watson, Conwell, Sharp and McCann.

Mrs. Campbell's Luncheon.

Mrs. Clara Campbell gave a 1 o'clock luncheon yesterday for Miss Fannie Woodward of Atchison. Covers were laid for ten on a table, adorned with white carnations and saffron, at which were seated Mrs. M. A. Lov, Mrs. Christian, Mrs. P. L. Bontrager, Mrs. A. Passler, Miss Passler, Mrs. Eugene Quinton, Mrs. J. B. Hayden, Mrs. R. B. Gemmill, Mrs. G. V. Yeale, and Miss Woodward. Picnic Card Party.

Miss Anna Whitelock gave a pleasant card party last evening for Miss Mary Colwell, who leaves next week for Colorado Springs. The prizes were won by Miss Neilia McCutchan and Mr. Ralph Peterson, and after the luncheon which was served at 11, the time was spent in music and dancing. Miss Bessie Gibson sang some very pretty solos.

"Professionals" Entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. George Yeale, Jr., entertained the "Professionals" and a few other friends Thursday evening in honor of their twelfth wedding anniversary. At the close of a lively game of progressive high five, Mrs. A. H. Connally and Mr. A. B. Quinton were declared winners, and music and dancing occupied the remainder of the evening.

General Social Notes.

Mrs. M. A. Low returned yesterday from Chicago.

Miss Minnie Finch of Denver is visiting in the city.

Miss Jessie Veale gave a dinner party on Monday for Miss Woodard of Atchison.